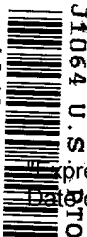


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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Marvin Jake Wiebe, Phuong Lethebinh, and Stephen Kieran Anthony Adolph  
 for: SERVICE PROTECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TDM OR WDM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 sheet(s) of drawings, 22 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : 0.
- ☒ Declaration.
- ☒ Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☒ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : Akara Corporation.
- ☒ Associate Power of Attorney and return post card.



Claims as Filed	Col 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	19-20	0
Indep. Claims	2-3	0
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 370
x\$9=	\$0
x\$42=	\$0
0+\$140=	\$0
Total	\$370

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 740
x\$18=	\$
x\$84=	\$
+\$280=	\$
Total	\$

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